

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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Photos by Matt Heilman

The current “supposal” for the Wichita school district’s boundaries for next year limits Bel Aire’s K-8 school at 53rd and Woodlawn to an elementary school for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The plan also calls for the K-8 building to serve as the new school for students at Wichita’s Mueller Magnet Elementary.

## Bel Aire residents seek compromise on Wichita school boundary plan

By Matt Heilman

Several Bel Aire public school parents and residents still aren’t happy with the latest “supposal” for next year’s Wichita school district boundaries. But with less than a month until the final boundary plan is approved, the city is now focused on developing solutions for a meet-in-the-middle compromise.

A group of about 30 parents and residents met at Bel Aire City Hall Jan. 21 to outline their concerns for City Manager Ty Lasher to put in a formal letter to the school board on behalf of the city.

The current “supposal” for next year’s boundaries calls for Bel Aire’s K-8 school at 53rd and Woodlawn to serve all of the city’s public school elementary students in kindergarten through fifth grades, as well as students from Wichita’s Mueller Magnet Elementary, which is proposed to close after this year. The “supposal” also calls for the new high school near 53rd and Rock Road to serve as the new home for Wichita’s Northeast Magnet High School.

As a magnet, Bel Aire students would have to apply to attend the new \$31 million high school. Northeast Magnet also doesn’t have athletic programs like most traditional schools, meaning plans for new athletic facilities could stall.

While Bel Aire residents ide-



Bel Aire’s new USD 259 high school is proposed to serve as the new home for Wichita Northeast Magnet High School under the current school boundary “supposal.” Several Bel Aire parents aren’t happy with the plan because it doesn’t address overcrowding concerns at Wichita Heights.

ally would like to see the new K-8 opened for middle school students, they agreed to support the building’s opening as a K-5 since it includes all of Bel Aire.

The main discussion at the Jan. 21 meeting focused on plans for the new high school. Residents agreed that one of the key concerns is that the latest “supposal” doesn’t address overcrowding issues at Stucky Middle School and Wichita Heights

High School.

One resident said he would “strongly consider moving” if the new high school stays a magnet. The resident said he’s worked for a developer of nearby homes who is “furious” with the “supposal” because his marketing plan banked on the new high school being a neighborhood school.

Bel Aire City Council member Peggy O’Donnell said she spoke with

USD 259 Superintendent John Allison after a public input meeting and was told there’s not a concern with overcrowding at Heights.

“He said the issue is that the hallways are too small,” O’Donnell said.

She also said Allison told her that plans for Bel Aire’s schools could change, depending on the city’s growth.

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## Boeing’s pending closure hits home

Employees mull future

By Matt Heilman

More than 2,000 Boeing employees heard the bad news at a Jan. 4 morning meeting. For more than eight decades a workforce from all over the Wichita area dedicated itself to the aircraft giant.

But loyalty wasn’t enough. In early January, Boeing employees in Wichita were informed that, by the end of 2013, their services would no longer be needed, at least not in the Air Capital.

Some of that 2,160-member workforce will get the chance to stay employed by Boeing and relocate. The rest will be laid off.

Like most Boeing employees, the company’s representatives who live in north Sedgwick County are now trying to figure out what their next step will be once the company leaves Wichita.

Among the group hit by the Jan. 4 news was Dave Sly, a Bel Aire City Council member and 16-year engineer with Boeing. When the company-wide meeting was called, Sly

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## Plans for coliseum moving forward

By Matt Heilman

Barring a deal-breaker, you’ll see aviation research and development instead of hockey games and concerts. Plans for a new identity are forging ahead for the once proud Britt Brown Arena at the Kansas Coliseum Complex.

On Jan. 10, developer Johnny Stevens closed on the purchase of about 155 acres at the complex for \$1.5 million. The purchase included the arena, the Kansas Pavilions and the 49-acre Wiedemann Park. Stevens said he’s ready to start work on Britt Brown Arena to transform it from an entertainment venue to an extension of Wichita’s aviation industry.

He said remodeling Britt Brown was expected to start in late January in preparation to lease the facility to the National Institute for Aviation Research to serve as a testing facility. Stevens said he hoped to have the lease agreement completed by Feb. 1.

On the “conservative side,” 40 employees could work for NIAR at the former arena, Stevens told the Park City council at its Dec. 27 meeting.

At that meeting, the council approved a letter of intent to issue up to \$5 million in industrial revenue bonds for the project. Issuance of the IRBs is contingent upon Park City annexing the property.

Park City Mayor Emil Bergquist said he expected the council to approve the annexation in February.

Bergquist said plans to bring NIAR to Britt Brown makes sense for the facility that has been closed since 2009.

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## City OKs apartment complex near new school

By Matt Heilman

The Bel Aire City Council was given a reason for optimism at its Jan. 17 meeting where much of the conversation was focused on bringing residential development to the city. On hand to address the council was James McDonald, development associate with Zimmerman Properties LLC, a family-owned real estate development company based in Springfield, Mo., that specializes in affordable housing.

Through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, McDonald said Zimmerman Properties is proposing to develop a 48-unit apartment complex on a four-acre tract just north of the new USD 259 high school near 53rd North and Rock Road.

Zimmerman Properties operates in eight states and has worked to develop quality affordable housing through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program since 1986, McDonald said.

In eight states, Zimmerman Properties has developed 73 housing communities with a little more than 4,300 units, McDonald said.

This includes 724 units in Kansas, including Valley Center’s Brookfield Apartments, which consists of 48 units.

In Bel Aire, the proposed 48-unit complex would include three residential buildings, featuring apartments with two to three bedrooms and two bathrooms. McDonald said each unit would have its own washer

and dryer hookup among several amenities.

To be eligible to move into the facility, there are maximum limits on individual and family income, but potential tenants would go through a more thorough background check than most low-income housing requires.

In the application process, potential tenants must go through a criminal background check, provide

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# Plans for coliseum boring, but logical

It's a good idea and it makes sense. We like economic development and we don't like to see usable facilities mothballed. Wichita developer Johnny Stevens has bought about 155 acres at the Kansas Coliseum Complex, including Britt Brown Arena and the Kansas Pavilions, for about \$1.5 million.

His plans call for leasing Britt Brown to the National Institute for Aviation Research to serve as a testing facility. Britt Brown Arena has the high ceilings and available open space to work well for NIAR.

We're glad the building's days of sitting empty are numbered.

Several jobs are expected to come with the NIAR expansion up north and we're looking forward to a positive economic impact.

The City of Park City will annex the 155 acres Stevens purchased and will provide the necessary industrial revenue bonds to get improvements started on Britt Brown to prepare for NIAR, which reportedly hopes to expand by the end of this year.

Park City already has utilities in place at the coliseum complex and we think the annexation is a good move. Stevens also plans to keep the pavilions open and hosting events at least until 2016, another move we like to see.

Really, you have to be picky to see any negatives here. Honestly, we think the plans for NIAR could end up being the best thing that could happen to Britt Brown Arena.

But the plans are boring. We like to be entertained and we like recreation.

Maybe Britt Brown could be well suited to join the pavilions and embrace an agricultural identity, serving as a larger venue for rodeos, horse and livestock shows.

With the neighboring pavilions, it makes more sense for Britt Brown to host a rodeo than Intrust Bank Arena.

Another idea we've heard that could work well is to utilize Britt Brown and the surrounding property for a new YMCA branch. Residents of Valley Center and Park City currently have to drive about 10 minutes to get to the nearest YMCA branches in northeast or northwest Wichita.

Or, if you really wanted to get creative, how about converting Britt Brown into an indoor water park? OK, maybe that's going overboard a little bit.

While it's fun to think about possibilities with available space, it's important to be practical.

We believe that there could be several entertainment or recreation opportunities that could work well for Britt Brown, but at the end of the day, Stevens' plans to lease the arena to NIAR seem to make the most sense.

Barring a disaster, it's a safe move that will serve north Sedgwick County well, even though it's not sexy.

Sometimes, vanilla is the best flavor.

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# Being a sports fan is all about perspective

I am a diehard fan of Wichita State University basketball. I have been since I was 5 years old and I will be until I die. With that said, my life doesn't revolve around the Shockers.

If the wheels completely fell off this season and they didn't win another game, somehow I'd survive. Somehow the sun would continue to come up every morning and somehow I'd manage to smile every once in a while.

I still get excited during close games and there's some irritation after losses, but I have what's called "perspective."

I understand that sports is an entertainment business and there are a lot more important things in this world. I understand that even if miraculously the Shockers won a national championship in something besides bowling, my life wouldn't change much.

Would I be through the roof with excitement for a day or two if WSU won the NCAA basketball tournament? Of course I would. But at the end of the day, the achievements of athletes we admire from a distance aren't a direct reflection on ourselves and no game is worth sacrificing your happiness for more than a few minutes. I don't care



Heil on life

By Matt Heilman

how much loyalty you've shown or how much money you've spent on season tickets.

Even men like my grandfather, who before my time, used to yell and cuss at the radio or TV during St. Louis Cardinals baseball and WSU basketball games, had perspective.

Grandpa Chuck never lost track of the two most important things in his life — his faith and his family.

As I've grown older, I've gained more and more perspective. A five-minute tantrum is all I need to get over a disappointing loss. You also won't hear me using words like "we" and "us" in reference to the Shockers when "they" win.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of grown men, and women for that matter,

with more life experience than me who struggle with perspective. Exhibit A is a stereotypical southern football fan.

I'm not going to paint every football fan in states like Alabama, Florida and Louisiana with the same broad brush-stroke, but there's no denying that sports in the southeast United States, especially football, has become an unhealthy obsession for some. There are idiots all over our great land, but fair or not, the South has the worst reputation.

I was reminded of this leading up to the Jan. 9 dumpster fire of a national championship football game between Alabama and LSU as I sat back and chuckled while reading message board banter between supporters of each team talking about how "they" were going to destroy the other side.

In the end, Alabama's defense was good and LSU's offense was historically bad. Sorry, dude with the purple and gold face paint and beads, there's nothing you could have done.

And sorry, other dude in the crimson and white, but your lucky elephant hat and prayer to legendary coach Bear Bryant also had nothing to do with the outcome.

With Alabama's win, a diehard Crimson Tide fan named Harvey Updyke Jr. was given a reason to be happy in a life that otherwise, at least from the outside, seems miserable. Updyke Jr. is the 62-year-old man who was arrested for poisoning Auburn University's historic oak trees earlier this year in response to a despicable display where Auburn fans put a Cam Newton jersey on Bear Bryant's statue last fall.

Updyke has since apologized for the act and said he's "trying to get right with God." I just hope he realizes God isn't Bear Bryant or in anyway affiliated with Alabama football.

Kentucky basketball fans also have a reputation for being obsessive to a fault, but football usually takes the cake when it comes to insanity from its followers.

I'm thankful the vast majority of fans of our state schools I've encountered understand where the game ends and life begins.

It's fun to be a fan, but life is better when you're a human being first.

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## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran Church

Contemporary guitar service with communion each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Traditional service at 11 with communion each Sunday. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside (53rd North and Hillside) across from Heights High School.

Find the church online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org); e-mail office@clc.kscoxmail.com. Call the office at 744-1242 for more information.

### Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is [www.resurrectionwichita.com](http://www.resurrectionwichita.com). Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

### Community Bible Chapel

The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire.

Worship service and breaking of the bread are at 9 a.m., with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30 on Sundays.

Wednesday prayer and Bible study are at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

### Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (east from 45th North and Hillside) at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

The church has Crossroads Kids and Crossroads Cribs ministry areas, as well as contemporary music, relevant Bible teaching and a laid-back, friendly atmosphere.

Pastor is Jeff Mullen.

Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it online at [www.crossroadswichita.com](http://www.crossroadswichita.com).

### Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church welcomes a new minister, Rev. Larry Young.

Visit the newly renovated

building at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita (one block south and one block east of Hillside and 17th North).

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes Children's Church. Sunday School begins at 9:30.

For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at [www.fairmountuccc.org](http://www.fairmountuccc.org).

### Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study is 7 p.m. Monday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

### Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee following the service.

Pastor Natalie can be reached at 773-2300 or 744-0203.

Pastor Natalie is at the church from 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays.

Visit the church online at [Greenwichksunc.org](http://Greenwichksunc.org).

The church is located about a

mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road.

### Kechi United Methodist Church

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi, the Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Church phone number is 744-1221, its website is [www.kechiumc.org](http://www.kechiumc.org) and its e-mail address is [kechiumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kechiumc@sbcglobal.net).

Sunday praise band and worship are at 9:03 a.m. Sunday school is at 10. Worship is at 11.

Wednesday evening worship services from 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. There is music, prayer time, come and go communion and a short sermon. Child care is provided.

### Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children's church are at 10:45. Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City.

### Pine Valley Christian Church

The church is located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school is at 9 a.m. with worship

at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

### Risen Savior Church — Missouri Synod

Sunday School and Bible Class meet at 9:15 a.m.

There is communion every first and third Sunday

Wednesday evening ministries are from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday evening adult praise choir rehearsal is from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538. The fax number is 683-5536. [www.risensavior.net](http://www.risensavior.net)

### University United Methodist Church

The church is located across from the Wichita State University campus at 21st and Yale.

Sunday activities include adult and youth educational classes at 9:15 a.m., traditional service at 10:30 and youth group activities from 4 to 6 p.m.

E-mail [uumc2220@uumc.net](mailto:uumc2220@uumc.net); phone 686-6765. Rev. Charles Claycomb is the pastor.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com) or call 755-0821.

## Coliseum

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"From my perspective, the constructive reuse of an existing facility is brilliant," he said. "I think it's going to be an exceptional bright spot for the north part of the county."

Besides seeing the potential benefits for his city, Bergquist said NIAR's plans for expansion make sense for the aviation industry.

Bergquist has been employed with Hawker Beechcraft since 1975 where he works closely with engineers on design problem-solving in the company's hydraulics lab.

NIAR also has a testing facility at Hawker Beechcraft. Bergquist said NIAR's expansion is likely to continue.

"I just don't think you can go wrong with technology and

testing," he said.

From Park City's perspective, Bergquist said the addition of NIAR would fit nicely in the community that is home to several aviation-related businesses, including machine shops and suppliers.

While the news for NIAR's expansion has created the most buzz with the coliseum complex, Stevens is also working on long-term planning for the Kansas Pavilions and Wiedemann Park. After he bought the property, Stevens said he planned to make some improvements to the pavilions and honor Sedgwick County's commitment to keep them open for events until at least 2016.

Stevens said he'd take a close look at revenue and marketing in his efforts to make the pavilions profitable, but hasn't yet finalized his plans to do so.

"We've been working on it



Chris Strunk

**Paving crews resurface the parking lot behind the Kansas Pavilions in the coliseum complex Jan. 24.**

hard," he said. "We've got some ideas."

Stevens said he planned to keep Wiedemann Park open as an RV park and might also use the acreage for events hosted at the pavilions.

Stevens, perhaps best known for his development of the Waterfront in east Wichita, has previously worked closely with Park City. He helped start the Village Estates housing addition near City Hall and owns

about 100 acres at the northwest corner of 77th North and I-135, which can be used for industrial or commercial use.

Stevens said the property near Hartman Arena consists of 15 to 20 lots in various sizes.

## Boeing

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knew there was big news that could go one of two ways. He said he suspected management would either announce more work coming in, or that the Wichita site was closing.

While he knew Boeing's departure from Wichita was a possibility, Sly said his immediate reaction to the news was "shock and surprise."

Boeing's plans call for engineering work to move from Wichita to Oklahoma City. While Sly hasn't made any decisions yet, he said he "potentially" could be moving to the Oklahoma state capital by the end of next year.

Sly and his wife, Jamie, lived in the Oklahoma City

metro area before moving to Wichita in the mid-1990s.

"There's definitely gonna be a change for my family and I," Sly said.

Bel Aire resident Steve Olsen is a procurement agent for Boeing who has worked for the company for 31 1/2 years.

Olsen said he's spent most of his professional career working in the aircraft industry in Wichita. At 60, he said he's considering an early retirement plan.

Olsen said there's not much he can say about his stance on Boeing's decision to leave Wichita, but to him, the announcement wasn't unexpected.

"The decision was no surprise to most of us who'd been working for the company awhile," he said. "We

could see the writing on the wall, but it's still disappointing."

In Park City, industrial businesses that work with aviation companies appear to be stable in the face of the unfavorable news.

Sam Peters, general manager for TW Metals in Park City, said Boeing's plans to move its operations to Seattle, San Antonio and Oklahoma City wouldn't likely correlate to a loss of business for his company, where planes are retrofitted for Air Force use.

"Boeing's a very big customer of ours and this doesn't change that," Peters said.

While his company will continue working with Boeing, Peters said he shared the sentiments of those who

feel let down by its decision to leave Wichita.

David Nolletti, vice president of Tect Corp., which includes aircraft supplier Tect Aerospace in Park City, also said he didn't anticipate a heavy profit loss or layoffs as a result of Boeing's departure.

The status of the new tenant for a 300,000-square-foot warehouse at 61st North and Prospect, just west of I-135, also seems to be OK.

Air Capital Delivery and Warehouse CEO Lou Robelli said TMX Aerospace has leased the warehouse and is expected to bring 140 jobs to Park City over the next few years. Robelli said TMX primarily is a supplier for commercial airplane companies, including Spirit Aero Systems, which is doing well

in an otherwise turbulent local aviation industry.

"I'm sure they will still have plenty of orders," Robelli said of TMX Aerospace.

For those most impacted by Boeing's departure, there's not much they can do except keep reporting for work until further notice, Sly said.

Until the end of the last day of Boeing's operation in Wichita, Sly said he'd continue to perform his job as he has for his entire career with the company.

"Really, until they tell us otherwise, it's business as usual from my standpoint," Sly said. "We've still got airplanes in the hangar, we've got engineering to do and we've got customers to support."





# City of Bel Aire



## NOTES FROM CITY HALL

### The Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee has an opening for a volunteer member.

The Utility Committee consists of five citizens who advise the Governing Body during a 2-year term on matters relating to water, sewer, storm water run-off, trash, recycling, and sump pump discharges. The Committee meets once per month, currently on the second Tuesday, from 2:30-4:40 pm, at City Hall.

Meeting day and time can be changed for the convenience of all Committee members. Should you have interest, contact City Manager Ty Lasher at 744-2451, ext. 217; Mayor Harold Smith at 744-2650; or a City Council member.

#### PROFILE OF A CITY OF BEL AIRE UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Resident of the City of Bel Aire
- Willingness to serve a 2-year appointment term
- Willingness to serve without compensation and with very little to no recognition
- Recognition that the role of the Committee is to advise and recommend to the Governing Body—not to make policy
- An interest and/or background in water, sewer, storm water, trash and recycling issues
- Availability to attend at least 9 of 12 monthly meetings, normally on the second Tuesday of each month, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, City Hall
- Willingness to attend extra and special meetings, if and when necessary
- Willingness to spend personal time to review and study Committee issues, in addition to time required for Committee meetings
- Minimal ability to use a computer, with access to email
- It is helpful that a Committee member have access to, and basic understanding of, Word and Excel software programs
- General knowledge of the City’s boundaries and geography
- Knowledge of the City’s history could be helpful, but not necessary
- Ability and willingness to review and understand contractual documents and City ordinances, some of which that might be lengthy and time-consuming to read and understand
- Typical annual Committee business issues include updating the City’s Water Conservation Plan; review of ordinances relative to water, sewer, storm water; trash and recycling; review of CCUA and City water use data; water, sewer, trash and recycling billing rates; and any matters requested of the Committee by the Governing Body and/or City administration

## Bel Aire Recreation

5251 E. 48th North • [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov) • 744-2700

Mon., Tue., & Thur. 8-8 • Wed. & Fri. 8-7 • Sat. 9-3

For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700.

**COED INDOOR SOCCER (ages 4-11)**  
Games will be played on Saturdays beginning March 3. Practices will be set up by coaches on weeknights beginning the week of February 27th. The registration deadline is February 4th. A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline.

**HOLIDAY CRAFTS (ages 5-10)**  
Spice up your holidays with some homemade holiday crafts and decorations. On Saturday, February 11th, kids will be given the opportunity to get their creative juices flowing and put their own special twist on some holiday craft projects. Space is limited, therefore pre-registration is required.

**SPRING BREAK SPORTS WEEK**  
Each day will feature a new sport to play such as baseball, flag football, soccer, basketball, or volleyball. Participants will meet March 19 – 22, times TBA. The registration deadline is March 12. A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline.

**SENIOR AEROBICS**  
The senior aerobics class meets on Wednesdays from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. Seniors can join at any time!

**DAZZLING DANCERS (ages 4 & up)**  
These recreational youth classes will focus on ballet and jazz dance. Classes will meet on

Tuesday evenings beginning Tues, February 7th. Pre-registration is required.

**ZUMBA**  
Zumba is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance movements, creating a dynamic, exciting, exhilarating, and effective fitness system. Classes are held on Mondays & Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. Teens & adults can join at any time!

**TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up)**  
Classes meet on Monday & Friday from 5:00-6:00 pm or Tuesday & Thursday from 7:10-8:10 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

**YOGA**  
Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10-7:10 pm. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Adults can join at any time!

**FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)**  
The Fitness Center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine, and free-weights. There is no charge for pass holders, or it is available with the purchase of a daily pass.

**For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700.**

### NEW RECREATION STAFF

Drew Conwell has been named the new Program Supervisor of the Bel Aire Recreation Department. Drew has been a part-time employee and intern for the department while obtaining a Sports Administration degree at Wichita State. Victor Callozo has also assumed duties of the Recreation Attendant position. Victor is a Bel Aire resident and has recently retired from a career in law enforcement. Please help welcome the city’s new Recreation staff.

## Bel Aire Senior Club

Activities are held at 4551 N. Auburn unless otherwise noted. Those 55-plus are welcome to participate. For information on programs and services for seniors, contact Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, at 744-1199. The club is self-governed and activities benefit all participating seniors.

Free Line Dance lessons Wednesday 2:30 PM Park City Senior Center  
Square Dance Lessons and Dancing 6:30 PM every Thursday  
(except 3rd Thursday of the month) Park City Senior Center  
Dances—Saturdays 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th Saturday of each month At Park City Senior Center.  
Call Vicki at 744-1199 for details

February 7, 8:30 AM Jimmys Egg  
February 13, 10:00 Board Meeting  
11:30 Lunch at Jimmies Diner  
February 15, 10:00 AM Men’s Coffee at Braums  
February 15, 2:00 PM Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braums  
February 27, 6:00 PM Covered Dish Dinner  
Hosts: Gladys Cooper  
Program: Bob Gress on Expedition Equador

Free Tax Assistance with AARP is available at the Park City Senior Center  
To make an appointment call Vicki at 744-1199

For information on senior activities or resources contact  
Tri-City Senior Director Vicki Shepard at 744-1199

Deadline for March: Friday, Feb. 17

# Bel Aire Breeze

## We want to hear from you!

The Cities of Bel Aire and Kechi are currently involved in a process to evaluate potential opportunities for collaboration. Citizen input is vitally important to this process.

Please visit this link to take a survey regarding the opportunities for collaboration between Kechi and Bel Aire.

Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KB-OpportunitiesSurvey>

### Lauren Thiessen, Scott Rice Office Interiors February 2012 Member of the Month Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce

Scott Rice Office Interiors has been providing value-based office furniture solutions since 1935. When we ask our customers why they do business with Scott Rice they tell us that we understand their needs and provide productive work environments. They also tell us we are dependable and provide great service - doing what we agree to in a timely manner. Scott Rice measures its performance with customer surveys and makes changes as needed to continually improve its performance.

Scott Rice is a long time Steelcase dealer and, several years ago, became an Office Furniture USA franchisee. Affiliation with these two suppliers allows Scott Rice to offer the right products and services at the right price - this translates to customer value. Scott Rice Office Interiors is locally owned and committed to its employees, customers and the community.

Scott Rice now offers promotional products for organizations wanting to create awareness, provide directional change, promote concepts to specific groups of employees or customers and provide employee incentives and recognition.

Lauren Thiessen is an account manager who has been taking care of Scott Rice customers since 1989. He has accumulated a vast knowledge of office furniture and panel systems and is an expert at helping customers make the most of their space and improving worker productivity. Lauren is also trained to help customers with their ergonomic needs.

## Bel Aire Senior Center

All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center located at City Hall located at 7651 East Central Park Ave. unless otherwise noted.

ALL SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and Library area is open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of library books to check out at no cost nor time restraints, along with two computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong or attend to more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

#### Weekly Events:

**Bel Aire Walkers** – M-F, 8-9 A.M. at the Bel Aire Recreation Center (inside & climate controlled environment)  
**Men's Coffee & Fellowship** – Mondays, 10 A.M. at the Senior Center  
**TOPS Club Weigh In's** – Tuesdays, 9 A.M. located at the Senior Center  
**TOPS Weekly Meeting** – Tuesdays, 9:30 A.M. Program and Business Meeting at the Senior Center  
**Senior Bridge Games** – Tuesdays, 1 P.M. at the Senior Center  
**Senior Low Impact Aerobic Exercises** – Wednesdays, 9 A.M. at the Bel Aire Recreation Center  
**Senior "Get-to-Know-Coffee"** – Fridays, 10 A.M. at the Senior Center  
**FYI: For any possible cancellations due to inclement winter weather conditions, contact the Senior Center at 744-2451 Ext. 121.**

**February 1st, 9 A.M.** — Senior Low Impact Aerobics Exercises located at the Bel Aire Recreation Center  
**February 3rd, 10 A.M.** — "Get-to-know-Coffee" at the Senior Center. Complimentary coffee is provided  
**February 6th, 10 A.M.** — Men's Coffee and Fellowship at the Senior Center  
**February 6th, 6:30 P.M.** — Potluck; Board Elections & Program  
**February 7th, 9:30 A.M.** — TOPS weekly meeting  
**February 7th, 1 P.M.** — Bridge games at the Senior Center  
**February 8th, 9 A.M.** — Senior Low Impact Aerobics Exercises located at the Bel Aire Recreation Center  
**February 8th, 10 A.M.** — Volunteer library work time located at the Senior Center  
**February 8th, 6:30 P.M.** — Senior Advisory Board Meeting at the Senior Center  
**February 10th, 10 A.M.** — "Get-to-know-Coffee" at the Senior Center. Complimentary coffee is provided  
**February 11th** — Red Hat's meeting, call Anita at 744-2840 or e-mail her at [anita.culp@att.net](mailto:anita.culp@att.net) for time and details  
**February 13th, 10 A.M.** — Men's Coffee and Fellowship at the Senior Center  
**February 14th, 9:30 A.M.** — TOPS weekly meeting  
**February 14th, 1 P.M.** — Bridge games at the Senior Center  
**February 15th, 9 A.M.** — Senior Low Impact Aerobics Exercises located at the Bel Aire Recreation Center  
**February 17th, 10 A.M.** — "Get-to-know-Coffee" at the Senior Center. Complimentary coffee is provided  
**February 19th, 3 P.M.** — Health Meeting located at the Senior Center  
**February 19th** — Central Park Home Owners Association meeting  
**February 20th, 10 A.M.** — Men's Coffee and Fellowship at the Senior Center  
**February 21st, 9:30 A.M.** — TOPS weekly meeting with special guest speaker  
**February 21st, 1 P.M.** — Bridge games at the Senior Center  
**February 22nd, 9 A.M.** — Senior Low Impact Aerobics Exercises located at the Bel Aire Recreation Center  
**February 22nd, 7 P.M.** — Senior Bunko games located at the Senior Center  
**February 24th, 10 A.M.** — "Get-to-know-Coffee" at the Senior Center. Complimentary coffee is provided  
**February 27th, 10 A.M.** — Men's Coffee and Fellowship at the Senior Center  
**February 27th, 7 P.M.** — Tree Board Meeting located at the Senior Center  
**February 28th, 9:30 A.M.** — TOPS weekly meeting  
**February 28th, 1 P.M.** — Bridge games at the Senior Center  
**February 29th, 9 A.M.** — Senior Low Impact Aerobics Exercises located at the Bel Aire Recreation Center

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New Senior Participation Forms with Emergency Contact and other information will be needed from each Senior for 2012. Please complete a new form and return to the Senior Director office.



# POLICE REPORTS

**Jan. 18** — Lt. Griggs responded to the report of possible fraud at 4329 N. Bellmore. A person was charged for what they believed was a free credit check. The company said that the membership was only free for seven days and if the membership wasn't canceled, there was a fee.

**Jan. 18** — Lt. Griggs responded to the request to check a residence at 5004 E. Willow Point. The homeowner was on scene and advised that everything was OK.

**Jan. 18** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a suspicious person selling items door to door in the 4800 block of 44th North. Officer contacted the person who said he was selling new phone services in the area. He was informed that he needed to obtain a permit. He was given information on obtaining a permit.

**Jan. 17** — Lt. Griggs faxed a copy of a warrant on Artis L. Denton to the Sedgwick County Jail.

**Jan. 17** — Lt. Griggs assisted EMS at 1849 N. Battin.

**Jan. 17** — Officer Swanson assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department at 6680 E. 44th Court.

**Jan. 16** — Officer Swanson was contacted for a citizen who said a forklift carrying a load of bricks accidentally dumped them on his vehicle causing damage. The driver of the forklift left work for the day. A supervisor stated that the vehicle was parked in the construction zone during the time of the accident.

**Jan. 16** — Officer Swanson took a message that the Butler County Sheriff's Office arrested Tracy Holt on a Bel Aire warrant.

**Jan. 16** — Officer Swanson took a message that Wichita police arrested Jeffrey Humbolt on a Bel Aire warrant.

**Jan. 16** — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a suspicious character at 5910 E. 37th North. Officer did not locate anyone or any sign of criminal activity at the business.

**Jan. 16** — Officer Hutton took a message from a person who advised that her vehicle had been returned and there was no longer a dispute.

**Jan. 16** — Officer Swanson took the message that Wichita police arrested Vicki D. Bogart-Landers on a Bel Aire warrant.

**Jan. 13** — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a person taking a vehicle at 4937 Hedgerow and agreeing to make payments on the vehicle. Upon return of the car, it had a flat tire. The person took the car and said he would pay to have the tire repaired. The car was not returned. When the car owner called the person, he said he believed it was his car and threatened to burn the car before returning it.

**Jan. 13** — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department at 3815 N. Harding.

**Jan. 13** — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 5600 N. Rock Road. Nicole R. Plummer was arrested on a charge of DUI.

**Jan. 13** — Officer Steele re-

sponded to the report of a party at 4235 N. Edgemoor. Officer contacted a person about the party.

**Jan. 12** — Officer McCaslin took a report by phone of a lost tag off of a trailer at 5550 N. Lycee.

**Jan. 12** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a lost or stolen vehicle tag at 6929 E. Perryton.

**Jan. 12** — Officer Medlin responded to the report of a suspicious character in the 4400 block of Auburn. The reporting party said she saw a vehicle parked there for the last several days.

**Jan. 11** — Lt. Griggs took the report of a lost driver's license at 5051 N. Lake Breeze Court.

**Jan. 11** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a burglary at 5601 E. 41st North. An unknown person cut a latch on a trailer and removed items.

**Jan. 10** — Lt. Griggs responded to a holdup alarm at 4112 N. Edinburg. The homeowner was on scene and advised that everything was OK.

**Jan. 10** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a telephone pole and field on fire at 5200 N. Rock Road. Officer made contact with the fire department and Westar Energy.

**Jan. 10** — Lt. Griggs was contacted by a witness in a case who advised that the suspect in the case contacted a neighbor and threatened to shoot up the witness' residence.

**Jan. 10** — Officer Foxx observed a vehicle traveling in the wrong lane on 37th North from Rock Road to Woodlawn. The driver stated he was lost. It was determined that the driver suffers from Alzheimer's. Sheriff's deputies were able to locate the daughter who transported the person home.

**Jan. 9** — Lt. Griggs responded to the report of a vicious dog at-large in the area of Bellmore and Odessa. Two City of Bel Aire water meter readers reported that the dog attempted to bite them several times. The dog's owner was contacted. The dog was contained in the residence by the owner.

**Jan. 9** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of vandalism at 4430 N. Edgemoor. Someone hit a mailbox. Officer contacted neighbors in the area, but they did not see the incident occur.

**Jan. 9** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of larceny at 4860 E. Ashton. A person reported that her mother was missing money and jewelry. The items were last seen Jan. 1.

**Jan. 9** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at 4750 N. Hillcrest.

**Jan. 9** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of disorderly conduct at 5504 E. 49th North. A person's vehicle was paintballed on the rear driver's side window. There was no damage to the vehicle.

**Jan. 8** — Officer Wallender responded to the report of vandalism at 5248 E. 49th North. An unknown person threw eggs at a vehicle. There was no damage to the vehicle.

**Jan. 8** — Officer Steele discov-

ered a trash dump at 9800 E. 53rd North.

**Jan. 8** — Officer Toomey responded to the report of larceny at 5248 E. 49th North. An unknown person broke a vehicle window and removed a duffle bag from the vehicle.

**Jan. 7** — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department at 4251 N. Woodlawn.

**Jan. 7** — Officer Foxx faxed copies of two Bel Aire warrants on Adam E. Wittsell to the Sedgwick County Jail.

**Jan. 7** — Officer Foxx took the report of a suspicious person at 4554 N. Woodlawn. A vehicle was in the parking lot flashing its lights. Officer contacted two people in the vehicle. A person reported that they were in the vehicle talking since his mother did not approve of his lifestyle choices and would not let him bring male friends to her residence. The subjects were asked to leave since the business was closing.

**Jan. 6** — Officer McCaslin responded to an audible alarm at 6615 E. Summerside Place. Officer checked the residence and found it secure.

**Jan. 6** — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a burglary at 4414 N. Edgemoor. Items were taken between Jan. 3 and 6.

**Jan. 5** — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of auto theft at 3835 N. Hillcrest. A vehicle was taken by unknown people.

**Jan. 5** — Officer McCaslin responded to the request to check the welfare of a person at 4555 N. Glendale. Officer did not contact anyone at the residence.

**Jan. 5** — Officer McCaslin responded to an accident in the 6300 block of East 37th North. A person was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

**Jan. 4** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a larceny at 6101 Edinburg. A person reported that two lug nuts were taken from a vehicle. Another lug nut was found next to the vehicle.

**Jan. 4** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a suspicious person at 4428 N. St. James Place. Officer contacted a person who said he is a contractor remodeling the foreclosed residence.

**Jan. 4** — Officer Swanson responded to a holdup alarm at 6527 E. Rodeo Court. Officer contacted the homeowner who said his wife may have accidentally set off the alarm when she left. The residence was checked and was found to be secure.

**Jan. 4** — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm at 5693 E. 49th North. Officer found the home secure.

**Jan. 3** — Lt. Griggs responded to the report of a vehicle parked in the driveway of a business at 5318 E. 37th North. The vehicle was blocking access to the business. Officer was unable to contact the owner of the vehicle. The vehicle was not reported stolen.

**Jan. 3** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a lost tarp at 4711 N. Glendale. The person stated that if the tarp was located she would like to have it returned.

**Jan. 3** — Officer Mavia responded to a child custody issue in the 4200 block of North Rushwood. It was a civil issue.

**Jan. 3** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of domestic violence at 3820 N. Oliver. The incident occurred in Wichita. Officer contacted the Wichita police. Photos were taken of the victim.

**Jan. 3** — Officer Foxx assisted EMS at 4804 N. Chapel View.

**Jan. 2** — Officer Swanson took a message that Kayla S. Clayton was arrested on a Bel Aire warrant by Wichita police.

**Jan. 2** — Officer Toomey assisted EMS at 4804 N. Chapel View.

**Jan. 1** — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a hit-and-run accident at 38th North and Parkwood. .

**Dec. 31** — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of vandalism at 4910 N. Woodlawn. A person's vehicle window was broken while it was parked in the parking lot.

**Dec. 31** — Officer Hutton responded to a rollover accident at 5600 E. 53rd North. One person was transported to the hospital.

**Dec. 31** — Officer Steele assisted Wichita police with the report of a burglary at 2900 N. Rock Road in Wichita.

**Dec. 31** — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita police with checking for a suspect at 6247 E. 41st Court. The person was located and transported to the Wichita Police Department for questioning.

**Dec. 30** — Officer Medlin met with a person at the station. The person filled out a statement for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. The statement was sent to Lincoln County.

**Dec. 30** — Officer Hutton responded to the report of possible gunfire or fireworks in the area of Woodlawn and Odessa. Other neighbors said they heard the noise as well. Officer did not locate anything.

**Dec. 30** — Officers Hutton and Medlin responded to the report of a suspicious character at 4241 N. St. James Place. The resident heard noises coming from near the house and smelled cigarette smoke. Officers located contractors next door close to the house that were responsible for the cigarette smoke and noise.

**Dec. 30** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a suspicious character at 4941 N. Hedgerow. Two people were in an automobile listening to loud music and smoking. The vehicle and occupants live at the address and were already inside the residence when officers arrived.

**Dec. 30** — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at 7301 N. Hillside No. 25.

**Dec. 29** — Officer McCaslin was flagged down by a person in the

4500 block of North Woodlawn. The person reported that his son found a keyring with keys on it on Sunrise Christian School property. Officer took the keys back to the property and made contact with an administrator who said they were looking for the keys.

**Dec. 29** — Officer McCaslin responded to an audible alarm at 6615 E. Summerside Place. Officer contacted a relative of the homeowner who was having problems with the alarm system.

**Dec. 29** — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department and EMS at 5550 N. Lycee.

**Dec. 29** — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi police at 418 E. Arapaho in Kechi.

**Dec. 28** — Officer Swanson spoke with a person at the station who made a report that her vehicle was damaged by another vehicle while parked on the street. She did not know who did it and no one reported the accident.

**Dec. 28** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a person receiving unwanted phone calls from an unknown person at a private number. The phone company was unable to track the calls.

**Dec. 27** — Lt. Griggs faxed a copy of a warrant on Joshua M. Halstead to the Sedgwick County Jail.

**Dec. 27** — Officer Foxx assisted EMS at 4820 N. Harding.

**Dec. 26** — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm at 4747 N. Webb. Officer contacted an employee. He said that the business was open and he did not know that the alarm went off.

**Dec. 26** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at 5118 E. 37th North.

**Dec. 26** — Officer Steele assisted EMS at 5118 E. 37th North.

**Dec. 25** — Officer McCaslin responded to an audible alarm at 4916 N. Farmstead. Officer contacted the keyholder. There were no signs of entry or loss.

**Dec. 25** — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm at 4923 N. Farmstead. The homeowner's father accidentally set off the alarm. The ho-

meowner was contacted by phone.

**Dec. 25** — Officer Hutton was contacted by a Kansas Highway Patrol officer who conducted a traffic stop at 928 E. 61st North. A person in the vehicle had a Bel Aire warrant. Officer Hutton arrested Deantrea Hill on a Bel Aire warrant.

**Dec. 25** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a suspicious character in the 4300 block of North Stratford. A vehicle has sitting in the area for the past couple of weeks with a person sometimes occupying the vehicle. The person was not in the vehicle when officer arrived.

**Dec. 24** — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of vandalism at 4910 N. Woodlawn. A window was broken on a door. The broken glass had been cleared from the window when officer arrived. Officer could not tell if the window was broken by a person or due to weather conditions.

**Dec. 24** — Officer Hutton responded to a hold-up alarm at 4034 N. Danbury. Officer found no signs of criminal damage. Officer checked the house and found no signs of a crime.

**Dec. 24** — Officer Foxx found a trash dump at 9900 E. 45th North. A mattress and box spring were moved out of the roadway.

**Dec. 24** — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a burglary in progress at 4983 N. Farmstead. A person heard a garage door open and slam. Officer checked the residence and did not find anything out of place.

**Dec. 23** — Officer McCaslin responded to an audible alarm at 6927 E. Odessa. Officer checked the residence and found it secure.

**Dec. 23** — Officer Swanson responded to the request to check a residence at 4688 N. Westlake. Officer checked the residence.

**Dec. 22** — Lt. Griggs assisted EMS at 4062 N. Clarendon.

**Dec. 22** — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm at 4900 N. Homestead. Officer contacted the homeowner. The alarm was deemed false.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

The Senior Employment Program at Senior Services of Wichita is registering people age 55 and older through February. There will be a job fair from 9 to 1 a.m. March 20 at 200 S. Walnut in Wichita. Call 267-1771 to register and sign-up for orientation.

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More than 700 undergraduate, graduate and nursing

students at Baker University received their degrees during commencement ceremonies Dec. 17 and 18 at the Collins Center. Local students who received degrees include Ted Bartlett of Bel Aire, master of business administration.

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The following students from the area were named to the fall Dean's List at Creighton University for the

fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year: Brenden Mar of Wichita, a senior College of Arts and Sciences student; Ryan Norman of Wichita, a junior College of Arts and Sciences student. Full-time students who earn a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll.

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Newman University officials announced the students on the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2011. To qualify for this achievement, a student must complete 12 credit hours and attain a grade point average of 3.5 or better. The following area students have been named to the list. From Bel Aire: Kimberly Brandt, Kelsey Gates, Andrew Hild, Anne Johnson, Ton-Vinh Nguyen.

## DEATHS

### JOHN MOHN

John P. "Jack" Mohn, 74, of Bel Aire, died Jan. 16, 2012.

On Jan. 31, 1959, he married Linda Biggs. She died in October of 1997 after 38 years of marriage. He later married Sherry Donham and they celebrated 10 years of marriage before her death in 2009.

Survivors include his children, Sherry Martinez (James) of Sedgwick, Tammy Panzer of Belle Plaine, Jack Donham (Jenny) of Lawrence; grandchildren, Tanice (BL), Tevin, Chelsea, Kalie and Arlo; great-grandchild, Carter; brothers, Bob Mohn (Snookie), Joe Mohn (Phyllis); and sister, Judy Azzara.

Funeral service was Jan. 20 at Cornerstone Mortuary, Wichita.

Memorial fund with the American Cancer Society.

### SUE LILLIG

Sue Lillig, 93, Bel Aire, died Jan. 17, 2012.

She was born June 30, 1918, in Philadelphia. On Feb. 3, 1940, she and John A. Lillig were married in Philadelphia. She lived for many years in Ridley Park, Pa., and St. Petersburg, Fla., before moving to Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Pat and Guy MacDonald of

Bel Aire, Barbara Sue and Joe Patik of Albany, N.Y.; son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Margie Lillig of Wichita; three grandchildren.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given in her name to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Heart of America Chapter, 6950 Squibb Road, Suite 310, Mission, KS 66202.

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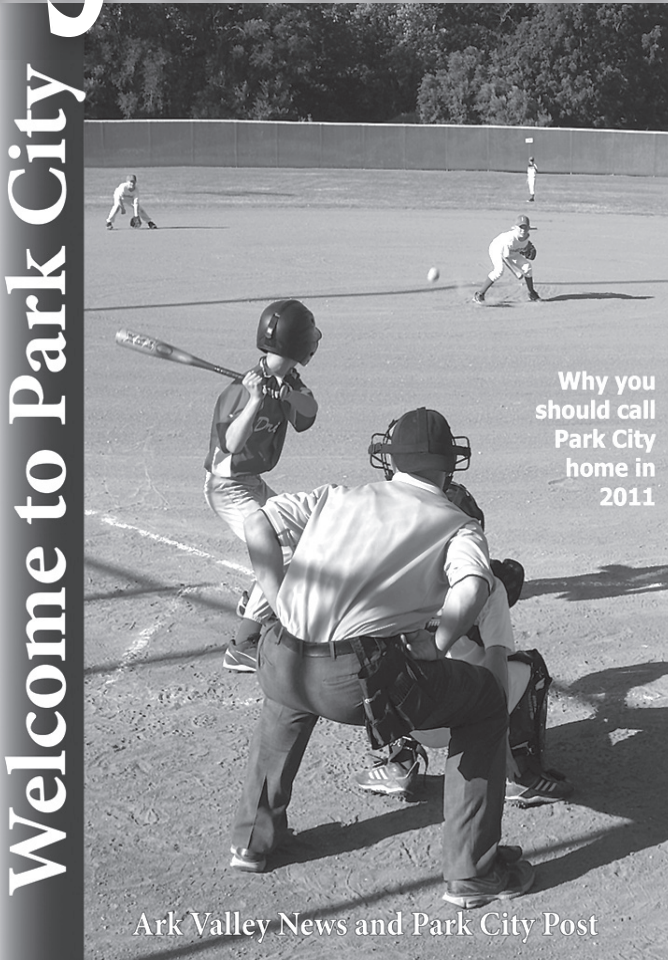
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## Chamber briefing

**Col. William H. Mason, commander of the 931st Air Refueling Group, McConnell Air Force Base, speaks at a meeting of the Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce Jan. 4. Mason presented the members of the chamber with a unit mission brief, explaining the role the 931st plays in accomplishing the mission at McConnell. Mason also discussed the Air Force Reserve and emphasized the importance of building and maintaining strong relationships between the 931st and the local community.**

Courtesy photo



## Schools

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From the city's perspective, Lasher discussed how having a neighborhood high school would create a sense of community and in turn, help with new home sales and commercial development.

"Rooftops bring commercial," he said.

Bel Aire parent Misty Bruckner addressed the council Jan. 17 to discuss how the city should respond to the latest "supposal" from the school board. At the Jan. 20 meeting, the group in attendance planned to launch an e-mail campaign to share its wishes for Bel Aire with Allison and the school board.

Since it's unlikely the plans for the new high school as a magnet will change this month, the group is recommending that the school at least be open as

a neighborhood magnet as opposed to a traditional magnet.

With a neighborhood magnet, students living in Bel Aire would be given the first opportunity to enroll at the new school without having to go into a lottery.

The group also is giving formal support to the elementary school plans in its e-mail campaign and is looking for more community support.

Resident Ramona Becker doesn't have any children in the Wichita school district, but she attended the Jan. 21 meeting because of the school boundary issue's implications for her city. She pointed out that Bel Aire residents pay taxes to USD 259 and should have a voice on the board's decision-making.

"This room should be overflowing today because we all have an interest in this," she said on Jan. 21.

The final board decision is scheduled for Feb. 27.

# McGinn to face challenger in Senate re-election bid

By Matt Heilman

Gary Mason announced plans to challenge Sen. Carolyn McGinn for Kansas Senate District 31 in this summer's Republican primary election.

Mason, who lives in northeast Wichita and is a member of the Kechi United Methodist Church, announced his decision at a Jan. 3 news conference at the new headquarters for Murphy Tractor and Equipment Co. Inc. in Park City.

Meanwhile, McGinn, who has held the seat since 2005, confirmed this week that she would be seeking re-election.

District 31 includes Harvey County as well as north-central and northeast Sedgwick County.

Mason, CEO of Wichita's iSi Environmental, said the 2012 election "would be and should be about jobs."

Mason and his wife, Karma, started iSi in 1990. The full-service environmental health and safety firm has 152 employees and provides services to private sector businesses in Kansas and surrounding states.

On a platform of creating jobs, Mason said that more than 90,000 jobs have been lost in Kansas in the last three years and in 2010, Kansas was the only state to lose more jobs than were created.

"Those results are not very flattering," Mason said.

He also discussed government spending and his belief that a starting point for "creating an attractive business climate" is with tax reform and lowering income tax.

While he said Kansans should agree that education and a social services safety net are critical, he pointed out "the private sector pays for these programs."

"That's why I believe we need to have a very strong, aggressive, pro-growth jobs program or we won't be able to pay for these critical services," Mason said.

Mason said he decided to run for the Senate seat about 30 days ago, but has been contemplating running for office for about a year. He said he has yet to file as a candidate, but planned to do so in late March or early April after he's had a chance to speak to more groups in his district.

"This election will be about jobs and should be about jobs. People in this district are hungry for a candidate who understands what it means to create jobs, control the growth of government and reduce the impact of government on our lives," Mason said in a news release. "I am the candidate who represents these values and the candidate who will

strive to achieve these objectives."

Mason, 55, a native of St. Louis, moved to Wichita in 1982 when he was hired as an engineer for Vulcan Chemicals.

Gary and Karma Mason have three children and three grandchildren.

McGinn issued a statement welcoming Mason's ideas to the upcoming election debate.

"I am encouraged to hear that Mr. Mason is among the many business owners who has utilized key investments made by the Legislature over the past few years to create private-sector jobs — the very investments I have fought to bring to Wichita, such as Fair Fares, the Kan-Grow Engineering Act, the comprehensive transportation plan, and support for Wichita State University that will ensure we have the workforce we need to compete with neighboring states," she said. "With these

investments, Kansans have built good local schools for our children and grandchildren, a safe highway system so our farmers and entrepreneurs can get their goods to market, and a reliable public safety system so our neighborhoods are safe and violent criminals stay locked up where they belong. Because of what we've worked so hard to build in Kansas, folks like Mr. Mason have moved to Kansas from other states in pursuit of better job opportunities and the chance to start

their own businesses."

McGinn lives in rural Sedgwick, where she and her husband, Mark, operate a grain production farm. They have two sons.

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Join us as Dr. William Cho, urologist, discusses the steps to maintaining a healthy urinary tract, as well as the symptoms and conditions that may lead your family physician to refer you to a urologist.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012

Optional buffet: 5:30 p.m. — \$5

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